

## **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** January 5, 2006

**CALLED TO ORDER:** 5:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNED:** 5:54 p.m.

### **ATTENDANCE**

#### ATTENDING MEMBERS

Lonnell Conley, Chairman  
Patrice Abduallah  
Ginny Cain  
Dane Mahern  
Mary Moriarty Adams  
Mike Speedy

#### ABSENT MEMBERS

Jim Bradford  
Angela Mansfield  
Scott Keller

### **AGENDA**

PROPOSAL NO. 636, 2005 - approves the Mayor's appointment of James A. Garrard as the Director of the Department of Public Works

"Do Pass"

Vote: 5-0

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"Do Pass as Amended"

Vote: 6-0

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"Do Pass"

Vote: 6-0

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"Do Pass"

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"Do Pass"

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"Do Pass as Amended"

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PROPOSAL NO. 644, 2005 - authorizes a bus stop zone on Illinois Street near New York Street (District 15)

"Do Pass"

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PROPOSAL NO. 645, 2005 - authorizes a bust stop on Illinois Street between North Street and Walnut Street (District 15)

"Do Pass"

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PROPOSAL NO. 646, 2005 - authorizes parking restrictions on Illinois Street near 19th Street (District 15)

"Do Pass"

Vote: 6-0

PROPOSAL NO. 647, 2005 - authorizes parking restrictions on Pennsylvania Street near 23rd Street (District 15)

"Do Pass"

Vote: 6-0

PROPOSAL NO. 648, 2005 - authorizes parking restrictions on State Avenue from Pleasant Run Parkway South Drive to Washington Street (Districts 16 and 20)

"Do Pass"

Vote: 6-0

PROPOSAL NO. 649, 2005 - authorizes parking restrictions on 23rd Street from Bolton Avenue to Arlington Avenue (District 17)

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PROPOSAL NO. 650, 2005 - authorizes intersection controls for the Bradford Trace Subdivision, Sections 1, 2 and 3 (District 18)

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PROPOSAL NO. 653, 2005 - authorizes intersection controls for the Bradford Trace Subdivision, Sections 4, 5 & 6 (District 18)

"Do Pass"

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PROPOSAL NO. 654, 2005 - authorizes a multi-way stop at the intersection of Drover Street, River Avenue and White River Parkway West Drive (District 19)

"Do Pass"

Vote: 6-0

PROPOSAL NO. 655, 2005 - authorizes a change in parking restrictions on Sycamore Street between Meridian Street and Union Street (District 19)

"Do Pass"

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PROPOSAL NO. 656, 2005 - authorizes intersection controls for the Southport Green Subdivision, Section 1 (District 25)

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PROPOSAL NO. 659, 2005 - authorizes intersection controls for the Glen Ridge Commons Subdivision, Section 1 (District 25)

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PROPOSAL NO. 660, 2005 - authorizes intersection controls for the Glen Ridge Estates Subdivision, Sections 1 & 2 (District 25)

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## **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

The Public Works Committee of the City-County Council met on Thursday, January 5, 2006. Chairman Lonnell Conley called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. with the following members present: Patrice Abdullallah, Ginny Cain, and Dane Mahern. Mary Moriarty Adams and Mike Speedy arrived shortly thereafter. Jim Bradford, Scott Keller, and Angela Mansfield were absent.

PROPOSAL NO. 636, 2005 - approves the Mayor's appointment of James A. Garrard as the Director of the Department of Public Works

[Clerk's Note: Councillor Speedy arrived at 5:07 p.m.]

James Garrard, stated that he has been with the Department of Public Works (DPW) for two years and it has been an honor to serve as the director. He said that DPW is a very busy department and touches the lives of citizens everyday. The DPW's system is managed in a cost-effective way and is very responsive to the public. Mr. Garrard stated that he is very proud of the accomplishments DPW has achieved thus far, and is very excited about what is coming in the future.

Chairman Conley stated that the staff of DPW has been fair and equitable in their endeavors. Councillor Abdullallah complimented the staff of DPW for a wonderful job in 2005. Councillor Speedy added that he has enjoyed working with the staff of DPW and is looking forward to working with the staff in the year 2006. Councillor Mahern said that the work DPW has done this year has made the city of Indianapolis healthier.

Councillor Cain recognized Mr. Garrard and Susan Preble, as they have been very approachable and have helped out a lot with some of the concerns that were presented in 2005.

Glenn Pratt, citizen, stated that this last year there has been a lot of progress on the combined sewers and septic issues. He said that the city is now moving ahead, and all that is needed is to get the schedule on the septic tanks down to five to seven years. Mr. Pratt stated that he looks forward to working with Mr. Garrard in 2006.

Councillor Cain moved, seconded by Councillor Mahern, to send Proposal No. 636, 2005 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

PROPOSAL NO. 609, 2005 - authorizes the Indianapolis Bond Bank to fund or coordinate funding for the Septic Tank Elimination Program (STEP)

Mr. Garrard stated that back in October 2005 the Council approved the sanitary sewer rate increases, and also established a \$2,500 connection fee for septic tank conversions, which eliminated the old Barrett Law process. This brought the cost from an average of \$8,000 - \$12,000 to connect to \$2,500 to connect. The homeowners have two obligations, which are the

connection fee and the private property construction cost. This is the cost of running a pipeline from the home to DPW's sanitary sewers. He said that the Affordable Loan Program (ALP) is for people that struggle to pay the connection fee and the private property construction fee.

[Clerk's Note: Councillor Moriarty Adams arrived at 5:12 p.m.]

Barbara Lawrence, Executive Director of Indianapolis Local Public Improvement Bond Bank and Mr. Garrard gave a brief presentation on the Septic Tank Elimination Program (STEP).

Key points of the presentation are:

- ALP has two parts. The first is called ALP1, which will help offset the \$2,500 connection fee on a need basis. The second part is called ALP2, which is a connection fee of \$1,500 that entails connection construction from the home to the city sewer line, and this includes filling-in of septic tank and permit fees.
- Proposal No. 609, 2005 authorizes the Sanitary District to issue up to \$1,000,000 in bonds, notes, or other financing to fund the first phase of the STEP program for approximately 600 homes, and provides financing for APL2.
- A commercial bank will provide loans of \$1,500 for each qualifying homeowner to finance all or a portion of the private property constructions at lower rates than the homeowner could receive through conventional loans.
- A reserve fund or line of credit will be available for draw in the event of loan default, while the bank would pursue collection options. The reserve fund, line of credit (or other mechanism) would be replenished by loan repayment, collection efforts, or the revenues of the sanitary district as a last resort.
- The Bond Bank/Sanitary District pledges subordinate revenues of the sewer system to re-pay up to \$1,000,000 if needed to cover default loans by homeowners.

Ms. Lawrence stated that the Bond Bank will do some type of financing to guarantee these loans from a commercial bank that would be utilizing their own capital and process for establishing the loans. This commercial bank would work very closely with the department to meet qualification guidelines that are acceptable to both the city and the bank. The bank would make the loan to the homeowner, and then the homeowner would start the repayment process back to the bank. Ms. Lawrence stated that there is an amendment to Proposal No. 609, 2005 and this amendment is proposed to make certain that this program was very flexible. The most notable change is going from \$5 million to \$1 million for the ordinance.

Councillor Speedy asked if the 600 homes have already been identified. Ms. Lawrence stated that the department has a number projects already in the works. Councillor Speedy asked if the homes qualify or the homeowners qualify. Ms. Lawrence said that the homeowner would qualify. Councillor Speedy asked what the qualification requirements are. Mr. Garrard stated this part is still in the process of being developed. Councillor Speedy asked if the cost would include the abandonment of the septic tank. Ms. Lawrence answered in the affirmative. Councillor Speedy asked who would determine if someone qualifies or not. Ms. Lawrence stated that the bank should handle the qualifying process, but this is a detail that has not yet been determined. Mr. Garrard stated that this program is targeting people who cannot afford to pay

the fees in full. Councillor Speedy asked if there will be any restrictions on the fees that the commercial bank can charge. Ms. Lawrence answered in the affirmative. She stated that the restrictions will be something that is contemplated as the whole program is set up. There are certain incentives if the city can invest \$500,000 or \$1 million to offset their cost and lower the interest rate.

Councillor Abdullah asked if this program would have any effect on commercial businesses. Mr. Garrard stated that this program is to help those who are the most needy financially.

Councillor Mahern asked for updates in the future of the status of the program.

Glenn Pratt, citizen, stated that this program should be more flexible for those who would need more than the \$1,500 for the fees. Ms. Lawrence stated that it is something that can be looked at as the need comes.

Councillor Moriarty Adams moved, seconded by Councillor Mahern, to “Amend” Proposal No. 609, 2005. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

{Clerks note: The amendment to Proposal No. 609, 2005 is attached as Exhibit A.}

Councillor Moriarty Adams moved, seconded by Councillor Abdullah, to send Proposal No. 609, 2005 to the full Council with a “Do Pass as Amended ” recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

Chairman Conley asked for consent to hear Proposal No. 610, 2005 and Proposal Nos. 637 – 660, 2005 together. Consent was given. Councillor Abdullah asked for further explanation on Proposal No. 647, 2005.

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Nathan Sheets, project manager for DPW, stated that Proposal No. 647, 2005 would eliminate two to three parking spots just north of 23<sup>rd</sup> street on Pennsylvania to provide a better sight distance. This is in the heart of Fall Creek Place. The issue is that vehicles that are traveling westbound on 23<sup>rd</sup> street would come to a “T” intersection, and they have no choice but to make a left turn due to cars parking very close to the intersection, which causes visibility to be very poor.

Jennifer Malone, President of the Fall Creek Place Neighborhood Association, stated that they have been working on this since August. She said that there is a concern because parking is the issue and it should not be. In the evening, there is plenty of parking available. The residents in this area have garages and parking pads in the rear of their homes, so there should not be a need for on-the-street parking. Councillor Abdullah stated that he should be notified about these types of issues.

Chairman Conley asked if the district Councillors have signed off on these proposals. Mr. Sheets answered in the affirmative.

Councillor Mahern moved, seconded by Councillor Moriarty Adams, to send Proposal Nos. 610 and 637-660, 2005 to the full Council with a “Do Pass” recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

There being no further business, and upon motion duly made, the meeting was adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Lonnell Conley, Chairman

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